

REMARKS

The claims have been amended as needed so as to sharpen their definition of the invention relative to the prior art, and new claim 42 is added herewith, of the scope previously enjoyed by claim 19.

Reconsideration is accordingly respectfully requested, for the rejection of the claims as unpatentable over MAKINO et al. 6,608,397 in view of DEHLSSEN et al. 6,304,002, or further in view of BASKIN et al. 4,565,929.

It is said in the Official Action that, in MAKINO et al., the item 134 is a multi-stage low speed gear module.

In fact, it is not. Item 134 is simply a sun roller. See column 8, line 47 et seq. of MAKINO et al.

It is also said in the Official Action, that item 136 is a plurality of multi-stage high speed gear modules. In fact, it is not. These are merely rollers that frictionally engage the outer circumferential surface of the sun roller 134.

Reliance is had on DEHLSSEN et al. to disclose a plurality of electrical generators. But this would not only be unobvious in view of DEHLSSEN et al., but also would be impossible to execute in MAKINO et al. Precisely how would a plurality of electrical generators be powered from any item 136? MAKINO et al. discloses a closed casing. There is no obvious way to open this casing to connect electrical generators. The rejection is accordingly entirely by hindsight, and hence improper to repeat.

Instead of the interpretation placed on the MAKINO et al. patent in the Official Action, it might be more accurate to say that there is a low speed outer ring 140 that drives second rollers 138 forming a single-stage low speed gear module. The second rollers 138 then drive a plurality of first rollers 136, forming a plurality of single-stage high speed gear modules. But this is entirely the reverse of what is claimed and has nothing to do with the way that MAKINO et al. is in fact applied.

In order to have at least a multi-stage low speed gear module in the transmission of MAKINO et al., we should also have to include sun roller 134. However, in that case, there is only one input shaft, that is, the outer ring 140, and only one output shaft, that is, the sun roller 134, so that there is no possible way that multiple generators could be driven separately by such a single output shaft 134.

In short: with one input shaft and one output shaft leading respectively into and out of a completely closed casing, there is no obvious way that MAKINO et al. could be modified according to DEHLSSEN et al.

Remember also that DEHLSSEN et al. has no multi-stage low speed gear unit.

The new and amended claims bring out these distinctions with ample particularity, thereby clearly to define invention over MAKINO and DEHLSSEN et al. BASKIN et al., on the other hand, is applied to teach a secondary feature of the invention and so does

not improve the rejection on MAKINO et al. in view of DEHLSSEN et al.

As the claims now in the case bring out these distinctions with ample particularity, it is believed that they are all patentable, and reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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